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PRINCESS Sally
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
HEADS UP, INTRUDER! I'M SPRINGING AHEAD...
SPRONG!
...AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE FALLING BACKWARD!
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THE QUEST
PRINCESS SALLY'S CRUSADE: CONCLUSION!

HEY! LOOK OUT!

VROOSH!

WHA...

FLIP

I ALMOST TOOK YOUR HEAD OFF! ARE YOU FIGHTING OR SLEEPING?

PLOP!

HUH?

OH! SORRY, SONIC!

IT'S JUST THAT MY THOUGHTS HAVE BEEN...

...ELSEWHERE.

"FIRST, IT WAS THE MYSTERIOUS ORB THAT FELL FROM THE SKY...*

THOOM

*SEE "FIRST STAR..." IN SONIC #17 - Editor

"AND THEN...

...JULAYLA."*

*SEE "IN THE STILL..." IN SONIC #18 - Ed.

SPEAKING OF JULAYLA, M'LADY--

--THERE BE MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION!

OH?

BUT OF COURSE, ROSIE.

SWISH!

YOUR MENTOR HAS BEEN MOST EXPLICIT ABOUT THE DIVISION OF HER ESTATE.

SWISH!

ALL THAT SHE OWNED-- LOCK, STOCK AND BARREL-- SHE LEFT TO YOU!

THANK YOU, ROSIE!

I'LL BE HERE IF ANYONE NEEDS ME.

AMAZING!

...THAT A PERSON COULD GATHER SO MANY MATERIAL GOODS IN A LIFETIME...

OH MY.

JULAYLA'S HOPE CHEST.

SHE MEANT FOR ME TO HAVE IT ON MY WEDDING DAY.

WHAT A HANDSOME VEST! I ALWAYS WANTED POCKETS!

I WONDER WHAT OTHER TREASURES ARE INSIDE?

OH, FATHER... SNIFF

THOSE WERE GOOD TIMES--

--BEFORE YOU WERE TAKEN FROM US.

A MAP.

WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED IF... IF...

THIS IS ALL TOO MUCH FOR ONE DAY!

I'LL FINISH TOMORROW!

THAT NIGHT...
SWISH!
HELLO, SALLY...

MY NAME...
...IS NICOLE.
THAT TELLS ME WHO YOU ARE-- BUT NOT WHAT!
I WOULD BE YOUR FRIEND...
...BUT THAT IS A CHOICE ONLY YOU CAN MAKE.
Hmmm.
YOU REMIND ME VERY MUCH OF SOMEONE ELSE WHO ALWAYS ENCOURAGED ME TO MAKE MY OWN DECISIONS.
THANK YOU.
A HIGHER COMPLIMENT I COULD SCARCELY IMAGINE.
PRINCESS SALLY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP SO LATE?
IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?
WE HEARD VOICES!

WHO HAVE YOU BEEN TALKING TO, SAL?

I'M NOT SURE.

YOU TELL ME!

SHAKE! SHAKE! SHAKE!

ZORCH!

WOAH! LITTLE SUCKER REALLY PACKS A WALLOP!

THAT WASN'T VERY NICE, NICOLE!

NEITHER WAS NEARLY SHAKING ME TO PIECES!

THAT GADGET IS MORE TROUBLE THAN IT'S WORTH. I SAY GET RID OF IT!

NO...

LIKE IT OR NOT-- SHE'S HERE NOW... AND SHE'S STAYING.

BESIDES... EVERYONE NEEDS A FRIEND!

SUNSET, THE FOLLOWING DAY...

JULAYLA'S FINAL TESTAMENT CLAIMED THAT ALL I NEED TO ATTAIN ONENESS OF THE SOUL IS LOCKED WITHIN THE DARKNESS OF THE *FORBIDDEN ZONE*...

... A PLACE WHERE EVEN *DOCTOR ROBOTNIK* FEARS TO TREAD.

I COULD *NEVER* ASK THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO ACCOMPANY ME ON WHAT COULD PROVE TO BE SUCH A DANGEROUS AND *PERSONAL* MISSION.

SO...

...EXCEPT FOR *YOU*, NICOLE...

...I'LL HAVE TO GO IT *ALONE!*

SWISH!

GOING SOMEWHERE, PRINCESS?

WEREN'T THINKING OF HOGGING ALL THE GLORY FOR *YOURSELF*, WERE YOU?

SONIC

GUYS, I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT, BUT THIS COULD BE DANGEROUS!
BESIDES, IT'S SOMETHING I NEED TO DO ON MY OWN!
SEZ WHO?
EVERYONE NEEDS A FRIEND, SAL --
--AND DANGER IS OUR BUSINESS!
:SIGH: I CAN SEE IT'S POINTLESS TO ARGUE...
SHROOOOM!
I JUST HOPE EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT WHAT WE'RE GETTING OURSELVES INTO!
WE'RE OVER THE DROP SITE NOW, PRINCESS!
ROGER, ROTOR.
GOOD LUCK!
EVERYONE TOGETHER, ON MY MARK...
GERONIMOOOO...
OH, MY...
I HAVE CONVENIENTLY FORGOTTEN MY FEAR OF ZEE HEIGHTS!
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QUICKLY! BURY YOUR CHUTES AND *MOVE OUT!* WE MUSTN'T LET ROBOTNIK'S *BORDER PATROL* SPOT US TILL WE'RE OVER THE WALL!

WHAT'S TO *WORRY*, SAL? EVEN IF THE SWATBOTS SPOT US...

...THOSE TIN CANS COULDN'T HIT THE BROAD SIDE OF A BARN!

CLICK! WHIR!

INTRUDER-- ALERT!

RESPONSE MODE-- INITIATED!

SPLAT!

VISUAL STATUS-- NON-EXISTENT!

"READY..."

"AIM..."

TARGET LOCK ACQUIRED

THEY'VE SPOTTED US, BUT THESE CONCENTRATED *PAINT BALLS* WILL *BLIND* THEM!

CAN'T SEE!
CAN'T SEE!
SPLAT
A LITTLE TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT!
THAT WAS..
CUTTING THINGS...
AND SPEAKING OF CLOSE SHAVES...
ZORCH!
ZORCH!
ZORCH!
LET'S CUT THESE SENTRIES DOWN TO SIZE!
SHRAAK!
HOLD-YOUR-FIRE.
VAROOM!
THEY-HAVE-PASSED-BEYOND-THE-POINT-OF-NO RETURN.
THE-FORBIDDEN ZONE-WILL-MAKE-SHORT-WORK-OF-THEM...
FORBIDDEN ZONE
ABANDON HOPE
ALL YE WHO ENTER

"...AND PROVE THEIR ULTIMATE UNDOING!"

WHUP

WHUP

WHOOOSH!

SHOOM!

WE'RE IN! NOW WHAT?

THE MAP SAYS WE HEAD THATAWAY!

OH?

LIKE WHAT?

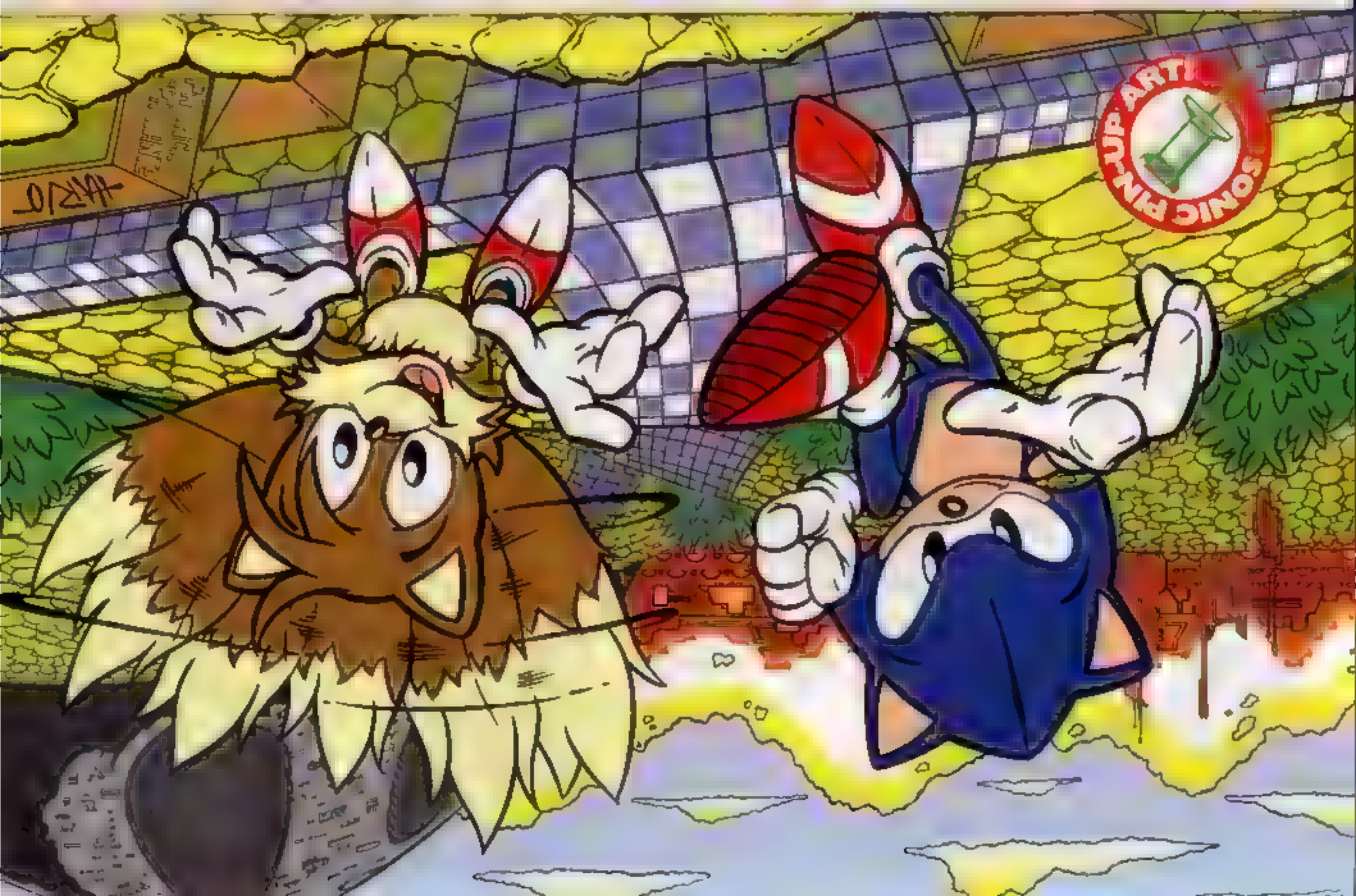
IT ALSO SAYS THERE ARE A FEW OBSTACLES -- IN OUR PATH.

...LIKE THAT!

MON DIEU! IT EES ZEE CYCLOPS!

GULP! LOOKS MORE LIKE A ONE-EYED MONSTER TO ME!

THOOM!
STAND BACK GANG...
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
TALL, DARK AND GRUESOME IS ALL MINE
THWAK!
THWOK!
SHUFF PUFF
BIG BAZOOKA DOESN'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT!
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GET PAST HIM.. I MEAN IT?!
I COULDN'T SAY, SONIC...
BUT I KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT!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NICOLE?
THE MECHANOID'S SENSORS HAVE BEEN KEYED TO DETECT MOTION, SALLY.
BUT... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
EXACTLY WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE...
MOTION? THAT'S IT!
EVERYONE! FOLLOW MY LEAD!
SNAP!
NOTHING!
HMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM
KLIK
WHEW I THOUGHT SO.
WITHOUT A TARGET TO TRACK...
HE WENT BACK INTO STAND-BY MODE.
AND NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON!
PATIENCE HAS NEVER BEEN MY STRONG SUIT!
NO KIDDING?
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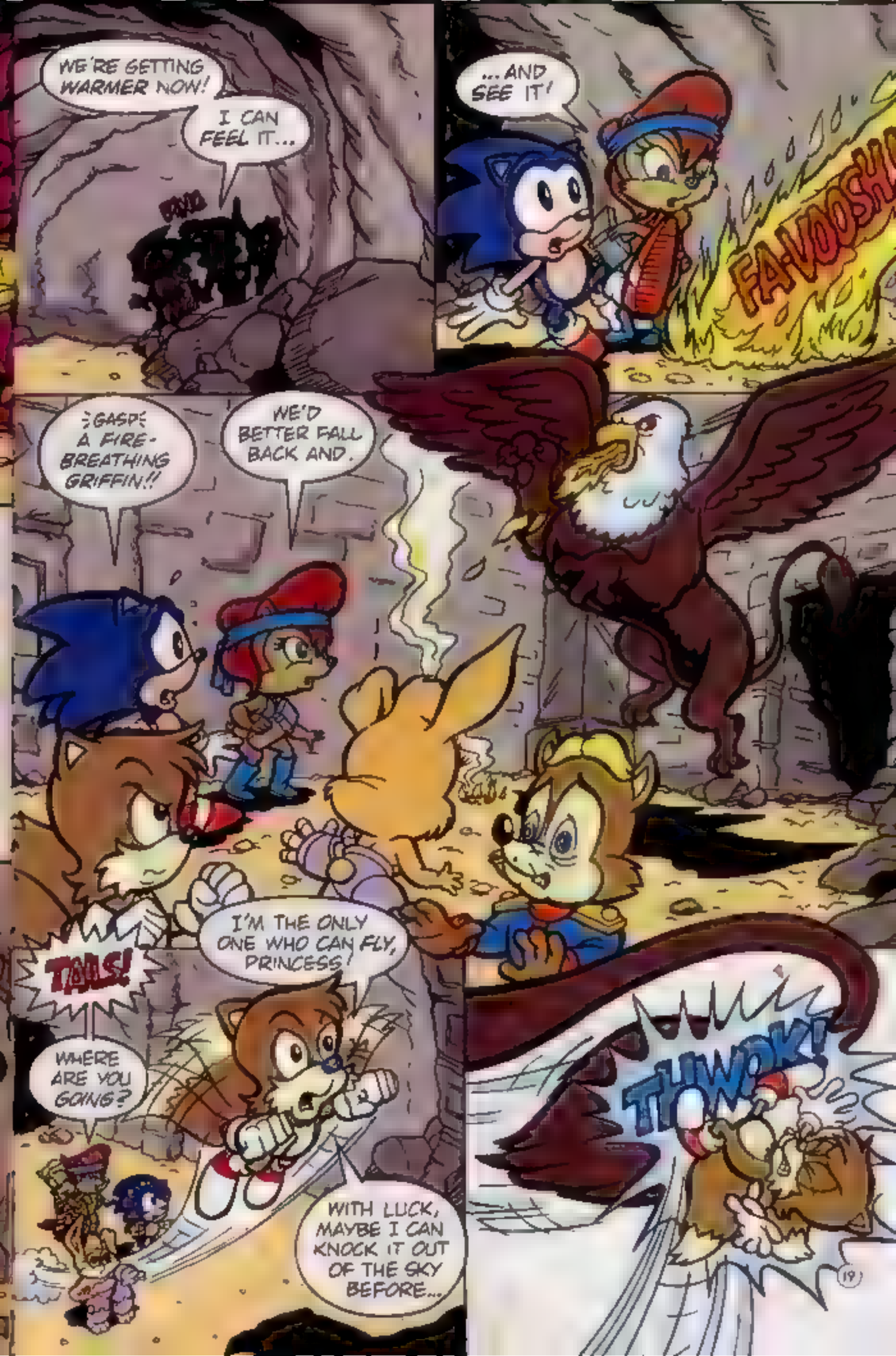
WE'RE GETTING WARMER NOW!
I CAN FEEL IT...
...AND SEE IT!
FA-VOOSH
:GASP: A FIRE-BREATHING GRIFFIN!!
WE'D BETTER FALL BACK AND.
TAILS!
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN FLY, PRINCESS!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
WITH LUCK, MAYBE I CAN KNOCK IT OUT OF THE SKY BEFORE...
THWOK!

WHUMP!
UH-OH!
FOR SONIC'S SAKE I HOPE THAT PLAQUE ISN'T SOMEONE'S IDEA OF A BAD JOKE!
FAWOOSH!
WHOSOEVER PULLS THE SWORD FROM THIS STONE SHALL BEST THE BEAST
?GROAN?
THAT GRIFFIN'S TOUGH! IF ONLY I HAD SOME SORT OF...
WEAPON?
"BETTER PULL THE SWORD OUT, PRONTO..."
FAWOOSH!
FAWOOSH!
...BUT IT'S STUCK TIGHT!
MUSN'T... GIVE... UP...
GOTTA-KEEP-PULLING UNTIL...
UNTIL...
THWOK!
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SKEEEE-

RAAASH!

EXCUSE ME... BUT WHAT JUST *HAPPENED* HERE?

BY FREEING THE SWORD FROM THE STONE...

TAILS BROKE THE CIRCUIT WHICH GRANTED THE GRIFFIN ITS MOBILITY.

THAT WAS VERY *BRAVE*, TAILS! BUT *NEXT* TIME PROMISE ME YOU'LL *LOOK* BEFORE YOU *LEAP!*

YES, MA'AM!

ACCORDING TO THE MAP, WE'RE ALMOST THERE I JUST HOPE WE DON'T RUN INTO ANY MORE...

...TROUBLE.

AW, NO!

NOT *AGAIN!*

ZOWEE!

THIS ONE'S *BIGGER* THAN THE OTHERS PUT TOGETHER!

IF WE HAVE TO *FIGHT* IT...

ER...*THEM*...

MAYBE WE *DON'T*.

WHAT CAN YOU *TELL* US ABOUT THAT THING, NICOLE?

THE CREATURE BEFORE YOU IS THE LEGENDARY POLYSALAJS REX.

LONG THOUGHT TO BE EXTINCT, THIS TWO-HEADED, TWO-FACED BIOMECHANICAL WATCHDOG IS A WALKING CONTRADICTION IN TERMS.

ONE HEAD ALWAYS TELLS THE TRUTH, WHILE THE OTHER ALWAYS LIES--

AND NO ONE CAN EVER BE QUITE SURE WHICH HEAD IS WHICH.

BEYOND IT LIE TWO DOORS. ONE LEADS TO YOUR QUEST'S END--

THE OTHER, TOWARD CERTAIN DOOM.

CHOOSE YOUR WORDS WITH CARE, SALLY.

CHOOSE MY...

YOU MEAN I HAVE TO ASK IT A *QUESTION*?

ONE QUESTION...

...AND *ONE ONLY!*

PICK A HEAD...

...AND TAKE *YOUR BEST SHOT!*

VERY WELL.

YOU...ON THE LEFT! WHICH DOOR WOULD THE *OTHER* HEAD CLAIM LEADS TO *QUEST'S END?*

?

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

TRULY, YOU ARE *WISE* BEYOND YOUR *YEARS*, LITTLE PRINCESS.

MY *BRETHREN* WOULD COUNCIL YOU TO USE THE DOOR ON YOUR *LEFT.*

THAT'S *IT*, THEN!

LET'S *JUICE!*

NO, SONIC-- WE'RE TAKING THE DOOR ON THE *RIGHT!*

WHAT?

BUT HE JUST SAID--

THAT'S RIGHT!

THINK ABOUT IT...

IF HE WAS THE HEAD THAT TELLS THE *TRUTH*, HE WOULD HAVE TOLD US *TRUTHFULLY* THAT THE *OTHER* HEAD WOULD HAVE *LIED.*

ON THE OTHER HAND, IF HE WAS THE HEAD THAT *LIES*...

THEN OBVIOUSLY IT WOULD STILL BE THE DOOR ON THE *RIGHT!*

WELL, SINCE WE AREN'T PUSHING UP DAISIES, I GUESS YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE.
BUT THAT STILL DOESN'T TELL ME WHICH HEAD WAS WHICH!
FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, I DON'T KNOW EITHER! BUT NONE OF THAT MATTERS NOW!
WE'VE ARRIVED AT...
Quest'S END!
WOW...
LOOK AT THAT!
I SEE IT, SONIC!
A MINIATURE VERSION OF JULAYLA'S HOPE CHEST!
THIS MUST BE WHAT WE CAME FOR!
I WONDER WHAT'S...
INSIDE?!
POP!

A SCROLL!
I DON'T GET IT!
I MEAN--
WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT A LOUSY SCRAP OF PAPER?
"I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MOMENT THEN...
"...BUT I DO TODAY!
"JULAYLA'S WORDS HAVE SERVED ME IN GOOD STEAD FOR FULLY TWO DECADES!
"AS HER FINAL TESTAMENT CLEARLY STATED, THE FULFILLMENT OF MY QUEST HAS INDEED GRANTED ME OWENESS OF THE SOUL...
"...AND A SENSE OF PEACE AND WELL-BEING WORTH ANY PAST--OR FUTURE--PRICE"

"BY HAVING FAITH IN MYSELF, THE WAR AGAINST ROBOTNIK WAS WON...
"...AS WAS THE HEART OF MY BELOVED HEDGEHOG.
"WE HAVE A KINGDOM NOW...
VIEEEE!
"A FAMILY...
"AND THE CHILDREN...
HOLD UP, YOU LITTLE SCAMPS!
"...HAVE A GRANDFATHER.
HUFF HUFF
YOU TWO ARE QUITE THE HANDFUL...
BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY!
"NOW, AFTER ALL THESE MANY YEARS...
"THE FINAL LINK IN AN ELABORATE CHAIN OF EVENTS IS ABOUT TO BE FORGED..."
DONE.
CLICK!
MY FRIENDS...
I GIVE YOU--
NICOLE!

HELLO .. OLD FRIEND.

IT'S BEEN-- A LONG TIME

"AND IT WOULD BE LONGER STILL. ROTOR HAD SPENT YEARS STRIVING TO RECLAIM THE TECHNOLOGY THAT WAS LOST WHEN NICOLE WAS DESTROYED DURING THE DECISIVE BATTLE WITH ROBOTNIK. AND NOW THAT WE'RE FINALLY TOGETHER AGAIN.

". I MUST ONCE MORE SAY GOOD-BYE.

"EVER SINCE THE DIS-COVERY OF THE TRANS-TIME PORTAL, I KNEW WHERE NICOLE HAD COME FROM.

"SHE WAS A GIFT TO MYSELF, FROM MYSELF.

"AND WHY.

"A FRIEND, WHEN I NEEDED ONE THE MOST.

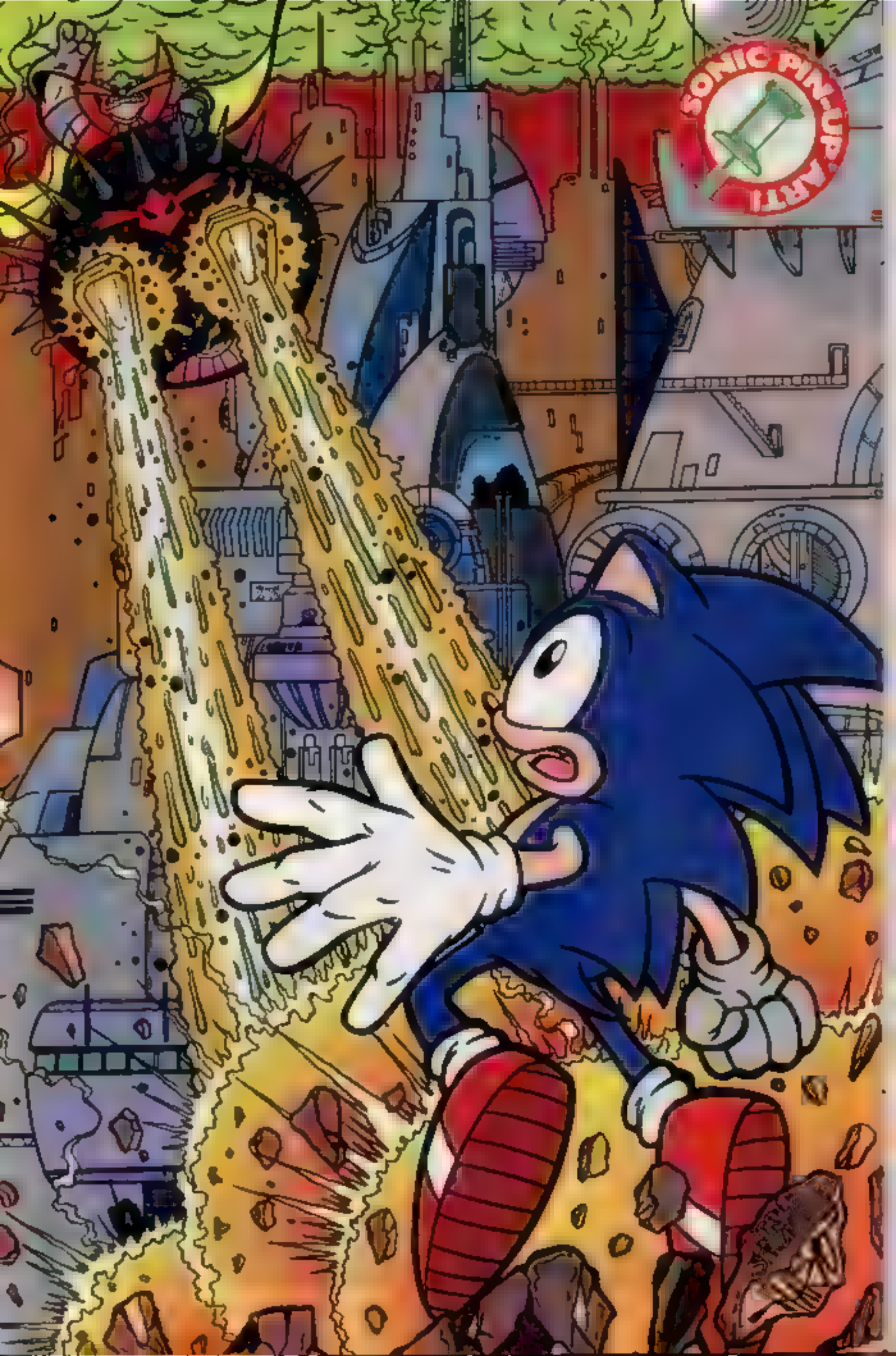
"WITHOUT HER, I MIGHT NEVER HAVE LIVED TO SEE THIS DAY...

"OR TO FULLY APPRECIATE JULAYLA'S PASSING, AND THE SIX LITTLE WORDS SHE LEFT BEHIND...

"TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE."

END

WAIT A MINUTE, SONIC FANS! IS THIS REALLY THE FUTURE OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, OR JUST ONE OF THE MANY POSSIBLE "FUTURES" OF OUR HEROES?! KEEP READING FUTURE MONTHLY ISSUES OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG... YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT EXCITING ADVENTURES LAY AHEAD...!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THE MIRROR ZONE

HEY, SONIC FANS! SONIC AND TAILS ARE PURSUING A SWATBOT WHO IS DELIVERING A TOP-SECRET COMPUTER MESSAGE TO DR. ROBOTNIK! ONCE OUR HEROES ENTER THE MIRROR ZONE, YOU CAN READ THEIR SCRAMBLED WORDS BY HOLDING THESE STORY PAGES UP TO A MIRROR!

HAVE FUN!

I THINK THE 'BOT WENT INTO THE *MIRROR ZONE*, SONIC!

GOOD! LET'S GET 'IM!

THERE HE IS!

WE'VE GOT HIM NOW!

I'VE GOT THE MECHA-MESSAGE UNIT, SONIC!
AND I'VE GOT HIM, TAILS!
CRASH!
HEY, SONIC, LETS SEE WHAT THE SECRET MESSAGE SAYS!
NO TIME, TAILS! ROBOTNIK'S GONNA BE LOOKING FOR IT! WE'LL READ IT OUTSIDE!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS PLACE!
HEY, KIDS YOU CAN FIGURE THIS SECRET MESSAGE OUT BY PUTTING IT UP TO YOUR MIRROR AGAIN!
MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL, WHO'S THE MOST EVIL TYRANT OF THEM ALL?
...AND WHO'S THE DUMBEST HEDGEHOG OF THEM ALL?
YOU'LL NEVER DEFEAT ME! FAST AS FAST CAN BE, HEDGEHOG OF THEM ALL!
HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU, SONIC!
IVO ROBOTNIK
OH, NO! IT'S WRITTEN IN A SPECIAL CODE!
NOW WE'LL NEVER FIGURE IT OUT!

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Yo', Fellow FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

It's me, the fastest dude in the north, south, east and west--and up, down, backward and forward for that matter! That's right, it's your numero uno bud SONIC!

Just the other day I was talking to that big mouth editor Scott. I said, "Hey listen, pal, as a tribute to all my devoted fans who buy my very first 48-page special comic book (the comic you're reading now!), I'll handle these Sonic-Grams pages by taking the readers on a guided tour that can't lose! ...And you, my big editor buddy, can take a snooze!"

With that guy out of the way, I grabbed a stack of fan letters and juiced back to my hut in Knothole Village. When I got there, it was a cold and stormy night and all the other Freedom Fighters were asleep. Sitting in my favorite chair, a supply of chili dogs with melted Jack cheese at my side for "reading energy," I began to read...

First, I came across this letter from a fan named Stephen Quinones from Prospect Park, NJ. Stephen writes:

Dear Sonic,

I'm Stephen, and I'm nine years old. I think you're way past cool. This is the first time I'm writing to comics and I'm pretty excited! I have a few questions: 1. How old is Sally? 2. Will you ever marry Sally? 3. If you marry Sally will you ever have a baby named Baby Sonic? Sonic, the reason I'm writing about the third question is because sometimes I'm playing that I have a baby named Sonic. But Baby Sonic can go the speed you can. But if you don't get a baby named Baby Sonic then you can get a cousin who is just as fast as you, too.

Hey, Stephen! I think you're way past cool for writing to me! Sally is about fifteen years old. As for marrying Sally, check out my adventure, "Wedding Bell Blues" in Sonic The Hedgehog #18, on sale now! And as for having children, check out my possible future at the end of "The Quest" in this very issue!

Two chili dogs later, I started to read a letter from Jason Burkett, from Sebring, FL. Jason writes:

Dear Sonic,

Is there going to be another comic book about you? I like the story of "The Good, the Bad and The Hedgehog" the best. I don't have a SEGA yet, but I will get one for Christmas. I'm your number one fan! Where did Bunnie Rabbot come from? What do the symbols ? and ?! mean?!

Hey, Jason! If you like "The Good, the Bad and The Hedgehog," you'll love "Night of a Thousand Sonics" in Sonic #19, on sale in November! The symbol "?" is a question mark, and is used as the punctuation at the end of a sentence whenever someone is asking any question--just like you did! The symbol "?!" is a combination of a question mark and an exclamation point. It's used as punctuation at the end of a sentence when someone asks a question and is really excited, or, more frequently, when someone asks a question but doesn't really require an answer--that's called a rhetorical question. Whew!

Then I came across this awesome package with a great drawing of me on the outside. Inside was a note from the Ritchey family of Woodburn, OR, that said:

"My son, Isaiah drew this Sonic comic book on his computer! Please read!"

I read it, and it was fantastic! It was so good in fact, I decided to print a piece of his artwork! Dig this stuff below!...

Then I came across a great idea from Amy Swope of New Hope, VA. She says:

Dear Sonic,

I have a great idea for a Freedom Fighter: his name is Trigger. He used to be a pirate fighter at sea. He can shoot a fly off a wall 100 feet away with his six-shooter, although he won't harm anyone. You can have him if you want him. Please put him in your comics and TV show. He is very good at sailing. Please print my letter.

Wow, Amy! What a great idea! How's this for Trigger's appearance?!

As I started to get sleepy, I took the last bites of my last chili dog, and read my last letter from Tammy Fehr of Bedford, TX:

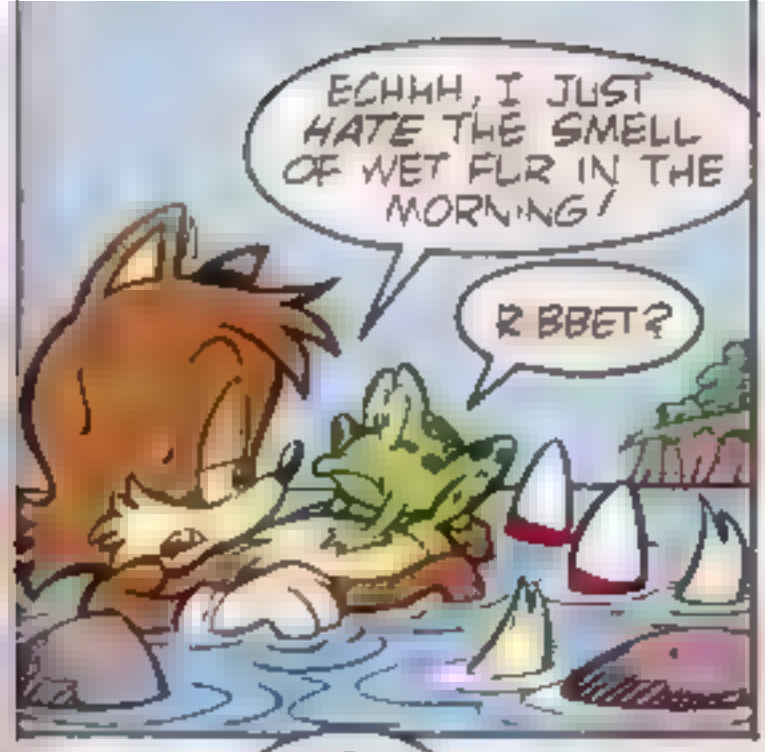
Dear Sonic-Gram Associates

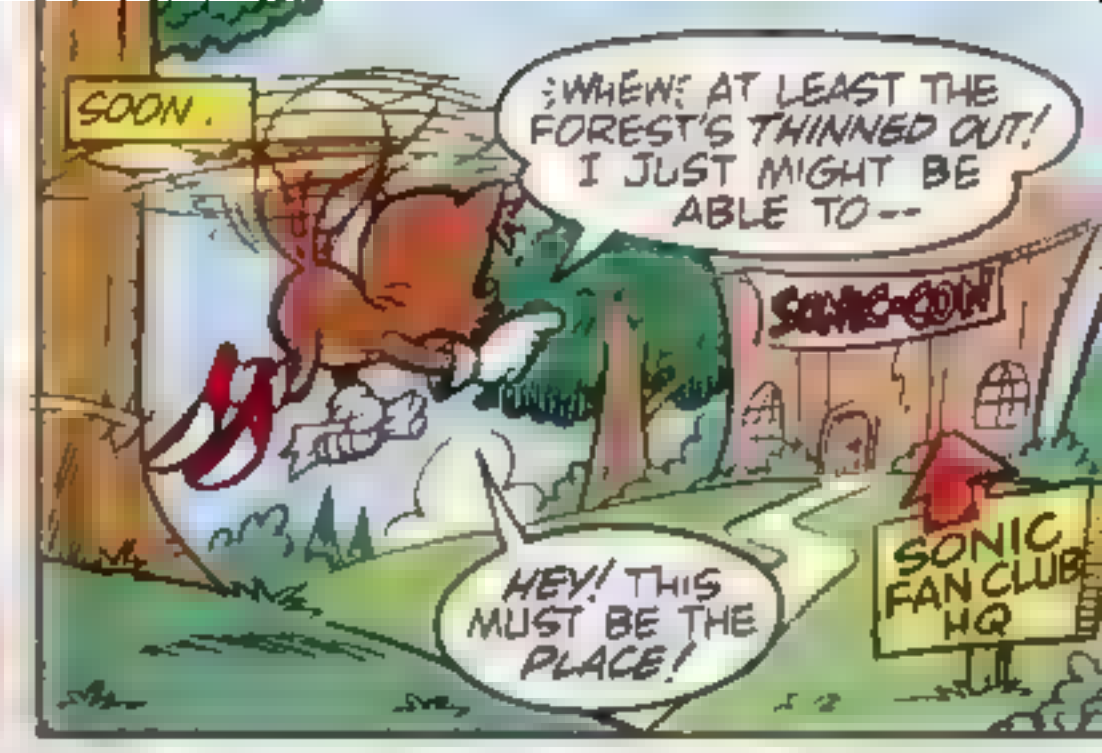
In issue #11, you said that Dr. Robotnik is obsessed with robots. Well, I am obsessed with him! I have a bad case of puppy love for the evil but loveable megalomaniac. What is his first name, and how old is he? He is so handsome, and his smile makes my heart skip a beat. But I have one problem: what has happened to his personality on the Saturday morning show? I liked him better in the good ole days, back when he was just starting out on his quest for world domination. Perhaps he just needs a date. I'm available! Please pass this information and the enclosed photo on to him. Do you think he'll be interested? Oh, one more thing—is there any Robotnik-Gram service where I can write directly to my love?

Hey listen, Tammy! Did that snake Dr. Ivo "Robuttnik" roboticize your brain?! He's a dirty, low-down, no-good, back-biting, evil blimp! How could you love him?! Sorry, but it's my sworn duty to protect the innocent from ole baldy! No way I'm going to fix you up with that tyrant! I'm spoken for, but I think those editor guys Scott, Paul and Victor at Archie Comics are single. Why don't you give them a call, and stay away from Robo-dummy!

Well fans, what do you think? Did I do a better job than Scott? As a matter of fact, *"BURP!"* Uhh, gee, sorry! I guess I shouldn't have eaten ten chili dogs so late, especially since I had twelve for dinner! I've got to go lay down, but keep writing and let me know how you liked my first special *"BURP!"* Bye!

PRESENTING, IN HIS VERY FIRST SOLO STORY...
SONIC'S PAL
TAILS
in: "TAILS' TALLEST TALE"
HEY, NICE LOGO!
THIS PART OF THE FOREST IS SO THICK, I CAN'T FLY BY TAIL-POWER! NO WONDER I'M SO LATE!
I'LL BET THIS NEVER HAPPENS TO SONIC!
SPEAKING OF SONIC, BEING HIS SIDEKICK DOES HAVE CERTAIN ADVANTAGES...
ZOT!
...LIKE GETTING INVITED TO BE THE SPECIAL GUEST OF THE LOCAL SONIC FAN CLUB'S BIG CONVENTION!
I GUESS THEY WANT A REAL HERO TYPE FOR THEIR--
RIBBET!!
YEOWWW!!!
OOOOPS!
SPLOOSH!





WELL, HERE GOES!

WOW!

AH, TAILS! WELCOME TO OUR LITTLE GET TOGETHER! I'M SHELDON, THE CONVENTION PRESIDENT!

SONIC-CON

WE'RE HONORED YOU COULD FIT US INTO YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE!

IN MY OPIN ON KNUCKLES IS MERELY A M SUNDERSTOOD MARSUPIAL!

ARE YOU KIDDING? HE'S AN ECHIDNA, AND ALMOST AS BAD AS ROBOTNIK!

SAYS WHO? I'LL BET YOU MY AUTOGRAPHED SONIC TRADING CARD THAT TAILS WILL BACK ME UP ON THIS!

OH GET A LIFE, YOU TWO!

WE INVITED SONIC TO SPEAK, BUT HE HAD TO TURN US DOWN!

THIS IS POSEY, OUR RESIDENT SONIC EXPERT!

PLEASED TO MEET YOU, POSEY!

WOW! SONIC'S APPRENTICE!

WELL, I PREFER "SIDEKICK!"

WELL, WE'RE ALL READY FOR YOUR SPEECH!

SPEECH?! OH, NO!

I COMPLETELY FORGOT TO PREPARE IT! WHAT AM I GONNA SAY?!

--IS THIS THING ON...?

UHH... GREETINGS, FELLOW SONIC FANS...

WHAT KINDA STUFF DO SPEECHMAKERS USUALLY SAY...? HEY, I KNOW...

...A FUNNY THING HAPPENED TO ME ON THE WAY TO THE CON...

OKAY. NOW WHAT...?

HEY, WHY NOT MAKE UP SOMETHING BASED ON WHAT REALLY HAPPENED? BUT I'LL MAKE IT MORE ACTION-PACKED!

WELL, ACTUALLY, IT WASN'T AS FUNNY AS IT WAS...ER...EXCITING!

WOW!

GOSH!

"WHILE PILOTING MY BI-PLANE OVER CRUSH WATER CANYON, I RAN INTO ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S DEADLY 'BOTS--

YAAARGH!

--THE EVIL TOADZILLA!"

"I LEAPT FROM MY PLANE IN A LAST MINUTE EFFORT TO DEMOLISH THE GIANT!

BLAM!

PS POW

"EXHAUSTING MY AMMO, I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT DIRECTLY-- FOX TO TOAD!

"I DEALT A MIGHTY BLOW, AND JUST THEN, THE CLIFF COLLAPSED!

EAT FOX-FIST, TOADZILLA!

"LOCKED IN A DEATH GRIP--

"--WE FELL INTO THE WATERS OF THE RIVER!"

PLOOSH!

TOADZILLA WAS NOW IN HIS ELEMENT, BUT I REVVED UP MY TAILS TO MACH SPEED, AND WHIPPED UP A WHIRL-POOL TO DEFEAT HIM!

...AND THAT'S HOW I--HUH?!

OH, NO!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

NOT HERE!

HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE? C'MON, ISN'T IT TIME FOR THE APPLAUSE? HELLO?

"SONIC-CON," EH? ONCE I'VE ROBOTICIZED YOU SICKENING LITTLE HERO WORSHIPPERS, YOU'LL ONLY IDOLIZE ME, DR. IVO ROBOTNIK!

OH, NO! WHAT A TIME FOR OUR NEMESIS TO SHOW HIS UGLY FACE!

WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THAT GIGANTIC ROBOT!

CON

FORTUNATELY, WE'VE GOT YOU HERE TO 'SAVE' US!

B-BUT, POSEY, M-M-MAYBE WE SHOULD TRY TO CONTACT SONIC!

HEY, IF YOUR SPEECH WAS ANY INDICATION, YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!

EGAD! DO MY EYES DECEIVE ME, OR DO I SPY THAT INFERNAL HEDGEHOG'S BRATTY APPRENTICE?

THE NAME IS TAILS, ROBUTTNIK!

SCRAM, YOU BIG BULLY! THE SONIC-CON DOESN'T ALLOW GATE CRASHERS!

OH, YOU HAVE ME POSITIVELY PARALYZED WITH FEAR!

SEE, I'M DOING OKAY! I HOPE THAT POSEY IS WATCHING ALL OF THIS!

HERE'S AN IMPORTANT LESSON, APPRENTICE--WHEN CONFRONTING AN ADVERSARY OF MY CALIBER, PAY ATTENTION!

SWATT!

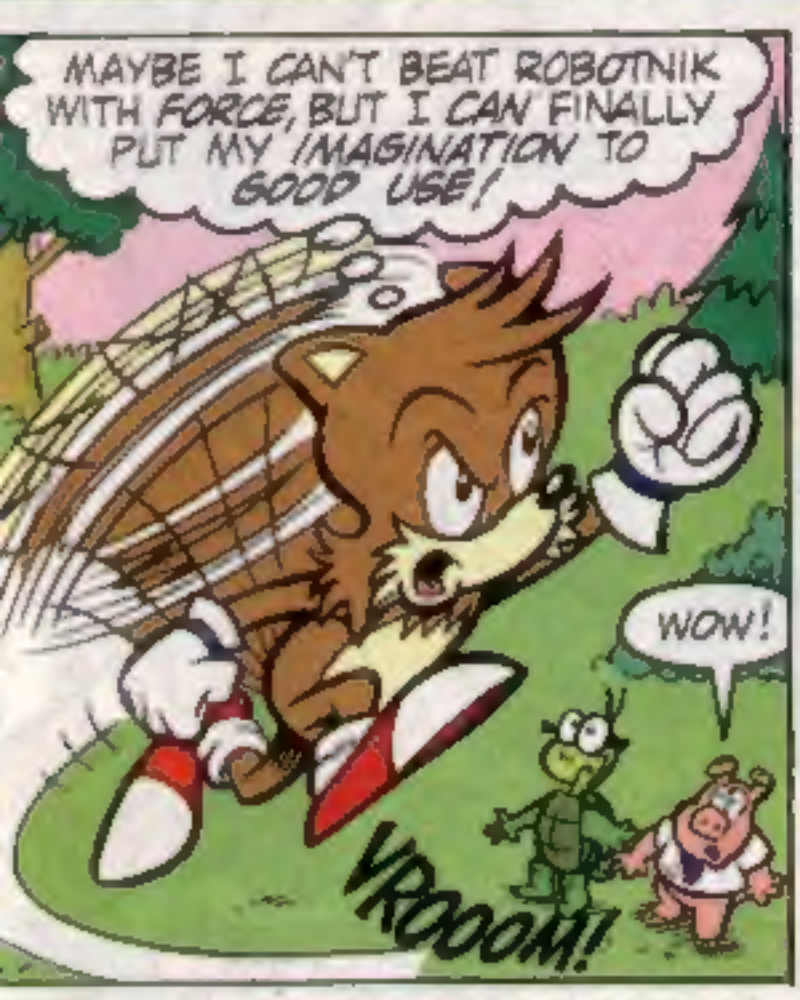
UNGHH!

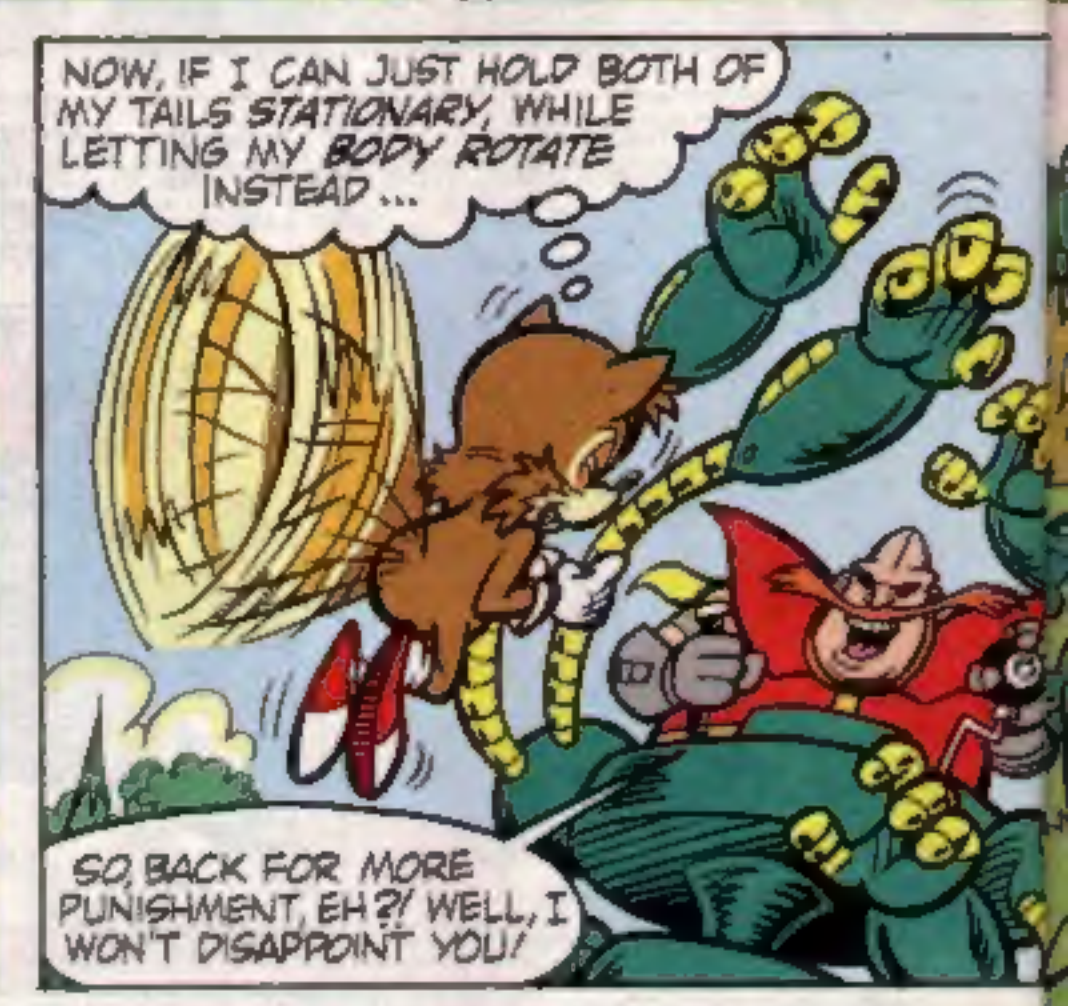
FOLLOW THE NUMBERS TO VIEW TAILS' FLIGHT PATH!

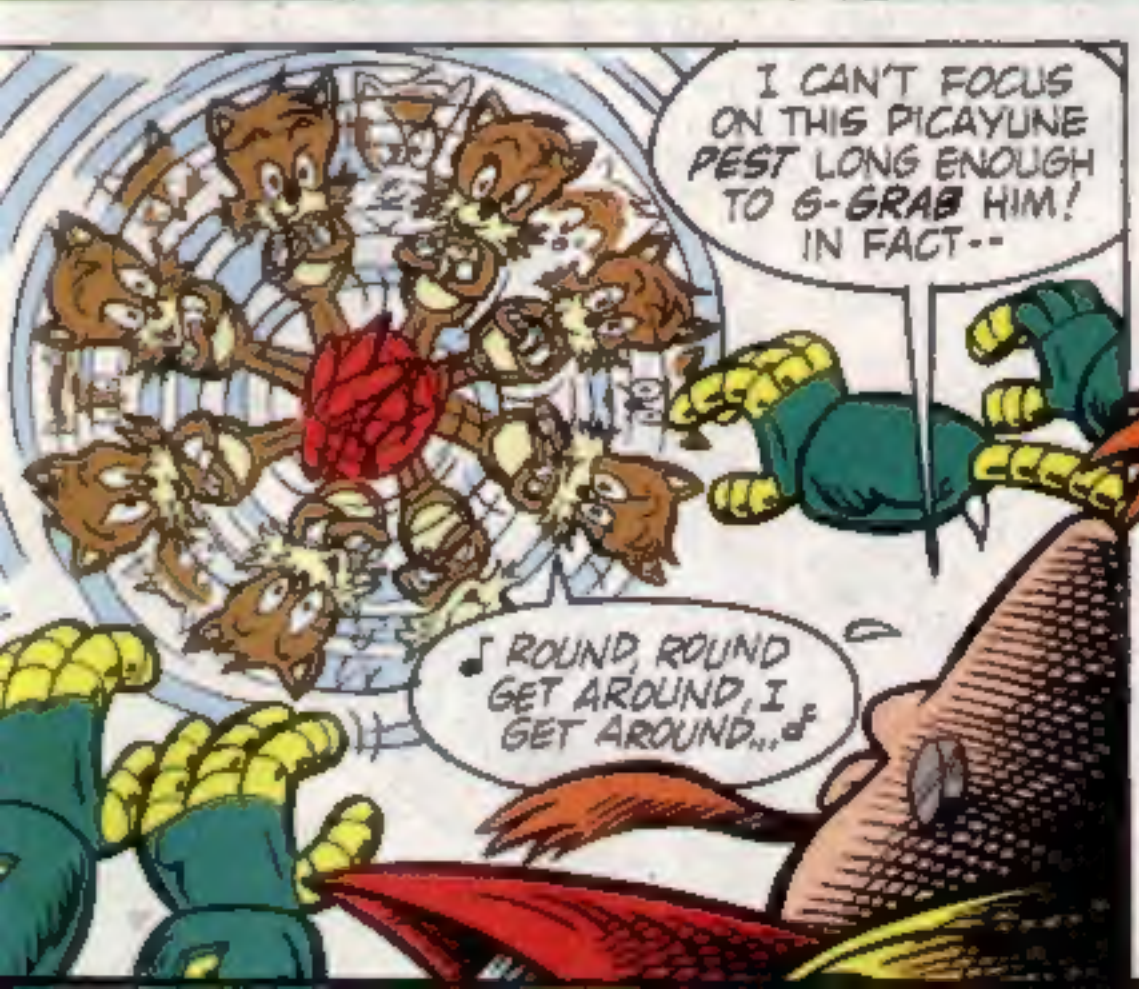
TAILS! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? SPEAK TO US!
I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU, DR. ROBOTNIK...
...POSEY..?

...AND I'M NOT SCARED OF YOU! NOW LEAVE US ALONE!
OH, YOU HAVE SPUNK, EH? DO YOU KNOW WHAT SPUNK IS?

--IT'S THE GOOEY POSSUM-COLORED STUFF THAT'S GOING TO BE STUCK TO THE BOTTOM OF MY GIANT ROBOT TOES! BWAHAHAHA!
POSEY!!!


MAYBE I CAN'T BEAT ROBOTNIK WITH FORCE, BUT I CAN FINALLY PUT MY IMAGINATION TO GOOD USE!
WOW!
VROOOM!


NOW, IF I CAN JUST HOLD BOTH OF MY TAILS STATIONARY, WHILE LETTING MY BODY ROTATE INSTEAD...
SO, BACK FOR MORE PUNISHMENT, EH?! WELL, I WON'T DISAPPOINT YOU!


I CAN'T FOCUS ON THIS PICAYUNE PEST LONG ENOUGH TO G-GRAB HIM! IN FACT--
♪ ROUND, ROUND GET AROUND, I GET AROUND...♪

--J-JUST WATCHING HIM MAKES ME SO D-DIZZY... EVERYTHING'S SPINNING...

...CAN'T OPERATE C-CONTROLS...

DIZZY...

WHOAAAAHHHHH--

FACE FACTS, DOC... IT'S A MAD, MAD, MAD, MAD WHIRL!

KER-RASSHH!!!

I-I'LL RETURN TO DESTROY YOU INSIGNIFICANT GNATS...

POP!

...THAT IS AFTER I'VE LAID DOWN AND RESTED A WHILE...!

YOU DID IT, TAILS! YOU DEFEATED DR. ROBOTNIK!

I--I GUESS I DID, DIDN'T I?

THANKS, HERO! SONIC-CON IS LUCKY TO HAVE YOU AS OUR SPECIAL GUEST!

SMOOCH!

G-GOSH--!

UH, LET'S GET BACK TO THE CONVENTION, POSEY...

THERE'S A FEW THINGS ABOUT MY SPEECH THAT I NEED TO EXPLAIN TO YOU...!

SONIC-CON

THE END